



TO: Liam Skinner, Interim Superintendent  
FROM: Robin Desmond, Chief Academic Officer *R. Desmond*  
DATE: August 7, 2023  
RE: *Lowell High School Athletics – Rule 53 Waiver Request*

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Attached please find a request from Scott Ouellet, LHS Athletic Director, seeking the approval of the Lowell School Committee for Lowell High School to seek a waiver with the MIAA. The waiver would allow 8<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in Golf, Swim & Dive (girls team) and Soccer (girls JV team) for the 23-24 fall season.



## *LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS*

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To: Robin Desmond, Chief Academic Officer  
From: Scott Ouellet, Athletic Director  
Cc: Mike Fiato, Head of School, Lowell High School  
Re: MIAA Rule 53 Waiver  
Date: July 21, 2023

The Athletic Department is requesting approval of MIAA Rule 53 to allow 8th graders to participate in the following Fall 2023 sports:

Golf

Swim & Dive (girls team)

Soccer (JV level, girls team)

The process for a waiver of this type requires approval of the Merrimack Valley Conference, LHS Head of School, Superintendent of Schools, and the Athletic Department Chairperson of the School Committee.

If approved, communication would be given to all middle schools in Lowell Public Schools with 8th graders regarding registration and tryout information.

Our participation numbers in the above sports are low and this is a modest attempt to help have a full team in these sports.

We have successfully used Rule 53 for many years in Ice Hockey (winter season). The use of Rule 53 has become common in the MVC and we would use this rule to help our teams remain on equal footing with our peers.